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Please insert the following paragraph at page 2, between lines 5 and 6:

The following patent literature is described:

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- No. 3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 41268/1995 (Claim 1 and others)
- No. 4. U.S. Pat. No. 4,959,154 (page 2, right column, lines 30-36)
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- No. 6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 44718/1983 (page 1)
- No. 7. Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 262891/1985 (Claim 1 and others)
- No. 8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 15560/1989 (Claim 1 and others)
- No. 9. Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 278581/1995 (Claim 1 and others)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 6 as follows:

The patent literature No. 9 discloses a technology of making solid fuel from residues of animals and plants by drying. This technology, however, completely overlooks the necessity of reducing the volume of plant-derived biomass.

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